Announcements

■ Homework for tomorrow...

(Ch. 25, CQ 12, Probs. 22, 60, & 66)

CQ3: $q_A = -$, $q_C = +$, $q_B = q_D = 0$

CQ4: a) yes, $q_{obj} = q_{plastic} = -$ b) no, $q_{obj} = +$ or $q_{obj} = 0$

25.2: a) e's were removed b) 5 x 10¹⁰

25.10: 1) with neutral metal spheres touching, touch one with charged rod, 2) remove charged rod from vicinity, 3) separate spheres

25.11: 1) with neutral metal spheres touching, bring charged rod near one, 2) separate spheres, 3) remove charged rod from vicinity

Office hours...

MW 10-11 am

TR 9-10 am

F 12-1 pm

■ Tutorial Learning Center (TLC) hours:

MTWR 8-6 pm

F 8-11 am, 2-5 pm

Su 1-5 pm

Chapter 25

Electric Forces & Charges (The Electric Field)

Last time...

Coulomb's Law

$$F_{12} = F_{21} = rac{K|q_1||q_2|}{r^2}$$

 \square So, how does q_1 know that q_2 is there?

The Electric Field...

Postulate a *field model* that describes how *q*'s interact:

- 1. Source charges alter the space around them by creating an electric field \vec{E} .
- 2. A separate charge in the electric field experiences a force \vec{F} exerted by the field.

Electric Field..

$$ec{E} \equiv rac{ec{F}_{on \ q}}{q}$$

SI Units:

$$[\vec{E}] = \frac{[\vec{F}]}{[q]} = \frac{N}{C}$$

Notice:

 \square The magnitude of *E* is the electric field strength.

The Electric Field model...

The *field* is the agent that exerts an electric force on a charged particle.

 $ec{E} \equiv rac{ec{F}_{on \ q}}{q}$

Notice:

- Our equation for E assigns a vector to every point in space.
- 2. The electric field vector points in the *same direction* as the force on a *positive charge*.
- 3. Electric field depends *only* on the *source charge* (it's *independent* of the *test charge*).

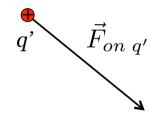
The Electric Field of a Point Charge

Consider a source charge q and a test charge q'...

The *FORCE* on *q* due to *q* is...



$$\vec{F}_{on\ q'} = \frac{Kqq'}{r^2}$$
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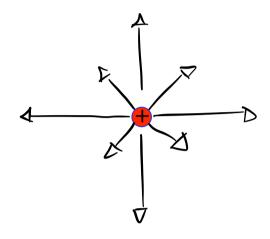
The *ELECTRIC FIELD* due to q is...

$$\dot{\vec{E}} = \frac{K\alpha}{C^2} \qquad \qquad \dot{\vec{E}} \qquad \dot{$$

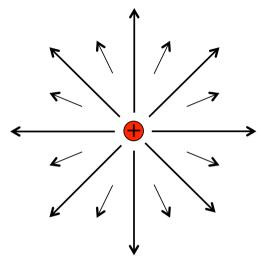
$$\vec{E} = \frac{Kq}{r^2}, \text{ away from } q$$

$$\vec{E} = \frac{\vec{F} \vec{Q}}{\vec{Q}} = \frac{\vec{K} \vec{Q} \vec{Q}}{\vec{Q}^2} = \frac{\vec{K} \vec{Q}}{\vec{Q}^2} = \frac{\vec{K} \vec{Q}}{\vec{Q}^2}$$

Q: So, what does the electric field diagram look like for a positive charge?

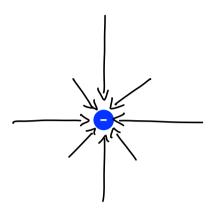


Rules for drawing an electric field diagram..

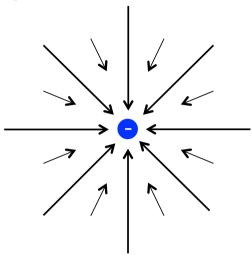


- Field exists at *all* points in space. Field diagram is a *representative* sample.
- 2. The arrow indicates the *direction* and *strength* of the electric field at the *point to which it is attached*.

Q: What does the electric field diagram look like for a negative charge?



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A: The electric field of a negative charge

Quiz Question 1

Point P is located at r = 1 m away from a -1 μ C point charge. Which of the following statements is/are true:



- I. The electric field at *P* points to the right.
- II. The electric field at *P* is *zero* since no charge is located there.
- III. Doubling r will halve the electric field.
- 1. I only.
- 2. II only.
- 3. I and II.
- 4. II and III.
- 5. None of these.

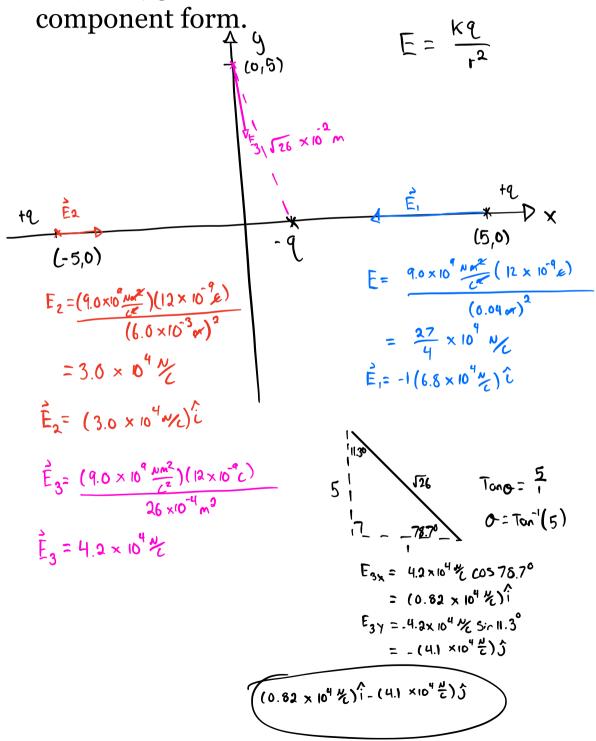
Exercise 25.27

A -12 nC charge is located at (x, y) = (1.0 cm, 0 cm).

What are the electric fields at the positions

(x, y) = (5.0 cm, 0 cm), (-5.0 cm, 0 cm), and

(o cm, 5.0 cm)? Write the electric field vector in



Problem 25.58

Two 5.0 g point charges on 1.0-m-long threads repel each other after being charged to +100 nC, as shown in the fig. below. What is the angle θ ? You can assume that θ is a small angle.

